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What would it be like to have a female president of the United States? **CT 9th Graders Respond on MAKING WOMEN VISIBLE DAY 2007!**

Hartford—The state legislature's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women's (PCSW) Young Women's Leadership Program asked 9th graders, "What would it be like to have a female President of the United States?" and "Why is it important to have female leaders?" The first and second place winners will be announced and awards presented on *Making Women Visible Day*, Wednesday, January 24th, 2007. The announcement will be made in room 2C of the Legislative Office Building at 10 AM.

Schools from all corners of the state responded to this challenge and some of the over 100 essays received will be featured in a publication released by the PCSW that day. Schools participating included:

Bloomfield High, Bolton High, CT International Baccalaureate Academy (East Hartford), Convent of the Sacred Heart (Greenwich), Fairfield Ludlowe High, Griswold High, Holy Cross High (Waterbury), Immaculate High (Sherman), Litchfield High, New London High, Nonnewaug High (Woodbury),

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Sacred Heart High, the Ethel Walker School (Simsbury), the Metropolitan Learning Center (Windsor) and West Haven High.

This announcement of the winners will be a part of many activities that day (see separate flyer).

The Young Women's Leadership Program was established in 2006 as a project of the PCSW. It is lead by a group of young women representing a wide variety of career fields and areas of expertise. The program sponsors a yearly essay contest for high school students, a reproductive Justice Networking event, promotes legislative advocacy, speaker's bureau and e-newsletters. Its mission is to inspire and empower young women in high schools, vocational schools, colleges and beyond to emerge as leaders.

13th Annual Making Women Visible Day:

Girls and Leadership

Wednesday, January 24th, 2007

Kick Off -- 9:30 AM, Room 2C, Legislative Office Building
(Activities throughout the day)

The PCSW was established by the CT General Assembly in 1973. The Commission studies all matters concerning women, informs leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, serves as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, promotes consideration of women for governmental positions and works with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women.

For more information regarding the day's activities, contact the PCSW at 860-240-8300, visit their website at www.cga.ct.gov/pcsw, or review the attached flyer with schedule.

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